

Book News and Reviews . . .

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A book about the management of children and young people. Dr. Dobson shows how a healthy approach to the discipline of a child can yield the genuine love and affection which parents desire. DARE TO DISCIPLINE exemplifies a truth that was recommended for parents several thousand years ago, recorded for us in Proverbs 29:17: "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." The book is a sound, straightforward, plainly written discussion of the ways in which order can be maintained, responsibility developed and character built. Mother and father both get full attention and they are warned that they must show respect for their children if they want their children to show respect in return. The author has had wide experience in teaching elementary, secondary, college and graduate school levels. He has served as a school psychologist and is currently a licensed psychologist in the State of California.

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"Not one technical word is used and yet not a single point is missed."
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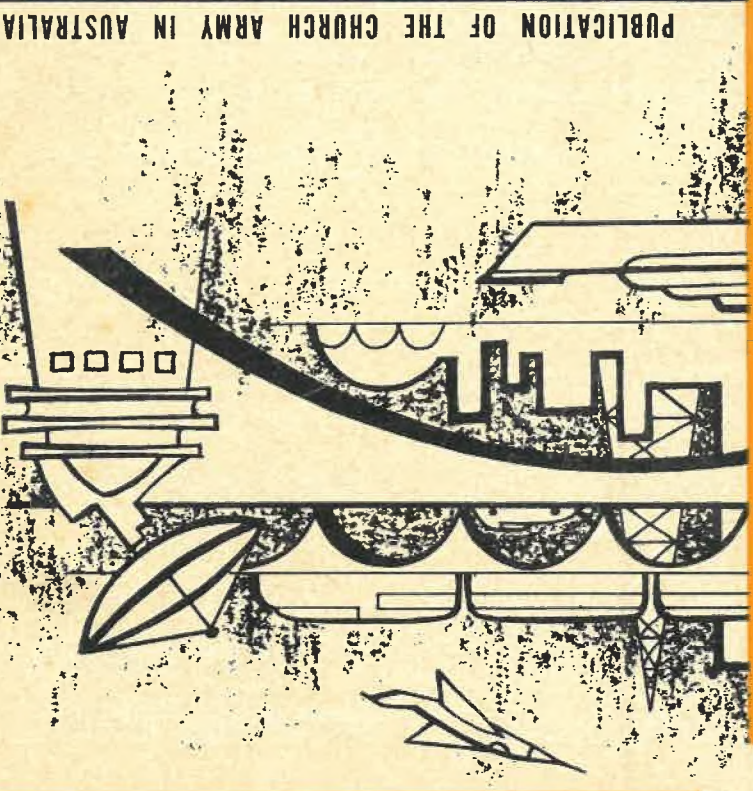
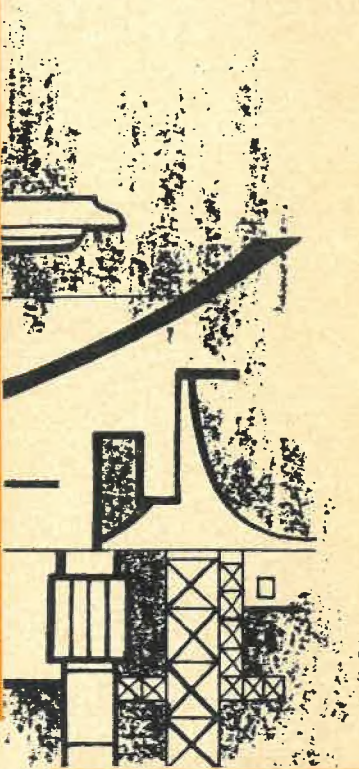
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Where are you standing ?

Which way are you looking ?

In our work with people we have three assets — our Knowledge, our Skills and our Attitudes. It is obvious that if we have all Knowledge and are very Skilful but lack the right Attitudes then we will be of little use to the human race.

It is terrifying to realise that if a man is fully trained so that he becomes very adept, yet has the wrong attitudes to others, he will only be a clever manipulator of people. The more effective the training the greater the damage he will do. Satan, I am sure, lacks neither knowledge or skill. All training must develop the right attitudes.

The standpoint from which we look at men will determine what we see. The Bible leaves us in no doubt where we are to stand. St. Paul, as usual makes it clear, in 2 Cor. 5. 16 (R.S.V.) he says, "From now on therefore, we regard no-one from a human point of view," "To me he is saying, "You must see men as God Himself is seeing them." Our attitude must be God's attitude. When a man in despair comes to me I must be able to see him and feel about him as the Eternal God is seeing

and feeling . . .

We must also see what a man can become and where his destiny lies. He is a child of God walking in His Father's world — yet here he has no abiding city.

St. John records in his gospel, ch. 1,42 that when Jesus first looked at Peter he said, "Thou art . . . Thou shalt be." When God looks at a man He is always a realist, "Thou art"; He sees what material he has to deal with. But the Gospel is Good News precisely because it offers a transformation — "Thou shalt be." God sees what this man can become. The standpoint from which we look at men will determine what we see.

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Well — what do I lack ?

Knowledge ? Skill ? Attitude ?

What is my standpoint ?

What do I see as I look at the man opposite me ?

May I pass on to you a prayer which helps me in my attitudes.

O Christ who sought the reconciliation of estranged mankind,

not by a word of power,

but in the shame and suffering of the Cross,

Grant to all who seek to be the ministers of thy reconciliation,

the courage that will share thy Cross,

compassion that will bind up the broken-

hearted,

and perseverance that will set the prisoner free.

By thy Love deliver us, we pray Thee,

from words lightly spoken,

from a false appearance of concern, and

from the cowardice which promises a peace

where there is none.

Take from us all restless striving for success, and make us to abide only in that Will

which is our Peace, both now and in eternity.

(Reprinted from the English Church Army "Cross Swords". The Rev. H. J. Smith is Chaplain to the English Church Army.)

EDITORIAL

Getting

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THE CHURCH ARMY IN AUSTRALIA

39th Birthday Appeal

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We urgently need your support for :—

- Captain John McKnight's work (see pages 6 & 7)
- Training Evangelists
- General Funds

Please send your "INVOLVEMENT" gift in the ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. Thank you !

It is not unusual these days to hear about people refusing to go to the assistance of another person, or refusing to come forward as a witness, on the ground that they didn't want to become involved. At times, some very tragic things have happened, that could have been prevented, if only another person or persons had been willing to be involved in someone else's need or problem.

Do you sometimes find it difficult to get involved in helping to meet the needs of other people ? I think many people have difficulties about this. It may have something to do with our basic human selfishness. Given time and much practice most people can probably become adept at insulating themselves from the hard task of real involvement with people at the point of their greatest need.

When in England last year with the Church Army I was tremendously impressed with the areas of work I was privileged to see and particularly with some work amongst derelict men who were metho-drinkers and alcoholics. The utterly selfless ministry of the Officer in Charge and his helpers was a great challenge to me and a wonderful example of true christian dedication. That Officer was deeply involved with those men in their needs and problems and in all their daily affairs.

In this issue of "The Pioneer" you will read about the involvement of some of our Officers and students with men and women, youth and children in a variety of situations.

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At this time of our 39th Birthday, I express our thanks to those who faithfully and generously support our work of involvement.

The extent of your involvement with us, as prayer partners and financial supporters, has a direct bearing upon the extent of our resources for a continuing and increasing INVOLVEMENT in the ministry of evangelism to which we have been called by our Lord.

(R. L. Gwillt)

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donated by the Diocese of Grafton, \$200 by a young woman and the balance by a number of individuals and parishes.

PLEASE NOTE : As from this issue of "The Pioneer" we are discontinuing the use of Business Reply Envelopes in connection with our Appeals. This is for two reasons, (a) because of the very high cost of these special envelopes and, (b) the cost of retrieving them from the Post Office which is 10 cents per envelope.

You will notice that we are now using a different, cheaper sort of envelope for the return of your gift to our funds and it requires the postage to be paid by the sender.

Looking to the future

Your Legacy to the Church Army could help to ensure the future training of men and women as Evangelists and enable the development of the Society's work in many areas of direct evangelism and Christian service.

For your guidance the following wording can be used as a clause or codicil in your Will.

"I give to the Church Army in Australia *

and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer for the time being or other proper officer of the Church Army shall be a sufficient discharge for the same."

* Here insert the sum of money or the description of the houses, land, stock, shares, mortgage, debt or other property intended to be given.

this issue you will find a third contribution from Captain McKnight in which he tells of experiences in his new work.

VISITORS :

Two overseas visitors stayed at the college for a few days in April. They were Sister L. Bangham and Sister K. King. Sister Bangham, an English Officer, had served with the Church Army in Eastern Africa from 1946 until last January. She is a trained nurse and midwife and for the last 15 years had been in charge of the hospital at Kalinzi.

Sister was visiting friends in Australia (and other countries) prior to returning to England to retire.

Sister King is the Staff Sister of the New Zealand Society and she was paying her first visit to Australia en route to England, for a short time with the English Church Army and then some months of holiday.

It was a great pleasure having these officers with us and hearing at first-hand news of the Society's work in other lands.

The Rev. Peter Ruffie, B.D., A.L.C.D., is the Principal of The Church Army Wilson Carlile Training College in London. He and Mrs. Ruffie will be paying a private visit to Australia and New Zealand to see relatives. However, we look forward very much to having fellowship with them at Federal Office and the Training College. Mr. Ruffie has kindly agreed to join the team of Officers who will visit Newcastle on the 5th August for special preaching engagements in connection with the Society's 39th Birthday. He will preach at a parish church in the morning and at the Cathedral at night.

John McKnight's work. Of this amount \$200 was

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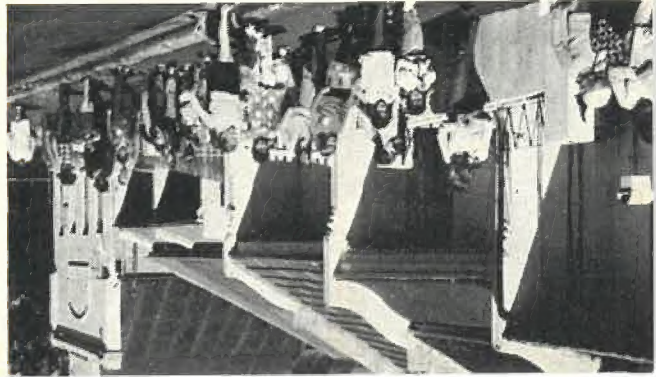
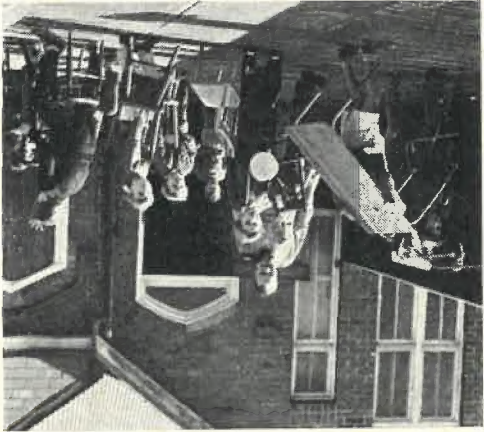
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Captain Ron King

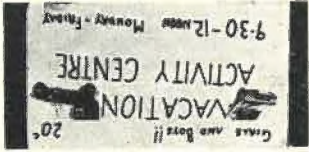
parishioner and morning tea was served by another helper.

Apart from the regular Religious Instruction in the four primary schools in the parish, this was our first venture into children's work this year. The results are already being seen in the Sunday School attendances and Boys' and Girls' Clubs have been started. As one of our memory verses said: "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:6 RSV).



Captain Ron King writes about the Vacation Activity Centre he led at Holy Trinity, Erskineville in Sydney, during the May school holidays. Ron joined the parish staff early this year for his first appointment.

For five days we 'motored' along the "King's Highway" (our theme book for the week). This gave us bright singing, a Biblical basis, and craft activities. We were loaned some real road signs and were given some posters by the road safety people. These were complemented by a slide tape set of John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" which gave us a five part serial.



The few children who arrived on the first morning sparked us into trying the Beach Mission tactic of "scooping." For that we gave every child a percussion instrument and every leader a banner and we marched through the Erskineville shopping centre "scooping up" more children.

In all we contacted 45 children with the largest attendance on any one day of 32. These were led by one parishioner and five of her friends, all six being experienced members of CSSM Beach Mission teams. Assembly signs were made by another



When 125,000 people in Australia questioned their families, friends and people in the street, about "helping our neighbours" in other countries, these were some of the comments they received —

"We don't want a reduction in our standards!"

"They can help themselves."

"Australia needs our money!"

"How are they going to use it? — sensibly?"

"Why can't Holland help?"

"What are others doing?"

"I don't have enough, so leave things as they are."

"Will our aid really help?"

"Charity begins at home."

The 125,000 people were taking part in an educational and discussion programme called "Action for World Development," which began last July.

Its aims were "to plan and implement a programme for the education of public opinion and for the awakening of the Christian conscience on the responsibility of all Australians for world development and in particular to make international development a public and political issue."

From the Parish of St. Thomas', Toowoong in Brisbane, nearly 40 parishioners met with members of other churches to study and discuss our responsibilities as Christians, and as citizens of Australia, towards the people of developing countries.

Initially, people met weekly in small groups in

Sister Pat Free

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homes for four sessions. Whether they were motivated to do anything after the studies was finished was up to individuals.

During the four weekly studies I was involved in two day-time groups. After three weeks they looked at what had impressed them so far. The following are some of their comments:

"The heart of man needs to be changed."

"Respecting other's views — learn what they're thinking."

"Poverty!"

"The size of the problem."

"Old problem! — as in Isaiah 5:8, 10.1, 56:1."

"People are more aware — doing more."

The members of one family in Toowoong come from India, they have only been in Australia a few years. So I asked a member of the family her impressions of Action for World Development (she was involved in an evening group):—

"What struck me was that the average Australian is really concerned about helping PEOPLE in other countries. The Australian Government is helping the Indian Government and, when you're living in India you can see the results. But it's a real eye-opener to see a people's concern for another people in a personal way.

"Action for World Development has made people more aware of who they're helping, not just responding to, e.g. an impersonal door-knock appeal.



visiting a camping area and a young fellow raced up to me and asked if I would take his mate to hospital. He had just badly gashed his leg with an axe and it needed immediate attention. On the way to town I learned that both of these fellows had left home because of parental difficulties and were just drifting about. While we waited for his mate to have his leg attended to I talked to Mike about his interests. His main interest he said was religion. "I'm trying to put together a religion that will satisfy me. I've tried this and I've tried that now I'm working on my own."

We talked about all the various things that he thought would be good in his religion and some of the difficulties. Then he asked me what I did for a living and when I told him I was an Evangelist he said — "Stone the crows! What do you know about that!" When we talked about what God had to say about Himself instead of what man thought about God, it hit him like a ton of bricks! He took a Bible from me and, when I visited him two days later, he was still reading it. He has now moved back to the city to make a fresh start in life.

It could be that the world is entering a new age. Whatever is happening I certainly believe it has nothing to do with the stars and so, as a Christian, I'll keep right on telling everyone I meet about the One who makes all things NEW.

HAVE YOU READ —

"DIALOGUE WITH YOUTH" — by A. Meares

Dr Ainslie Meares, an Australian psychiatrist of world renown, has taken the trouble to talk to young people in a relaxed and easy manner and he has come up with some surprising findings. The result is a book that anyone not totally unconcerned with the younger generation and therefore with the future of the world, should read. This book is addressed to the young, to help them understand their reactions to a confusing world and to help relieve them of their hang-ups and anxieties.

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